

Student’s fear of the future makes every day a struggle

DEAR ABBY: I'm frightened that I will become homeless and won't be able to pay my bills. I'm afraid of getting older and ending up a homeless woman, freezing to death on the streets. I worry that the college degree I'm working toward will be useless.

I see the challenges older people go through: house bills, medical bills, student loans, car bills, trying to save for retirement. I'm accused of being a cheap-skate, but I'm terrified I will never have enough. Sometimes the future seems bleak. While other people see possibilities and adventure, all I can see is a homeless death on the streets.

I struggle every day to find a reason to get up. I distract myself with simple goals: go to class, finish homework, get a college degree, and then get some kind of job. But there are so many bills to pay just to live — so many problems in the future that are right around the corner.

When you're a single gal alone in this world, the melancholy begins to seep in. I ask myself, is this life worth it? What is the point of getting up day after day knowing that when I graduate from college there's nothing ahead of me but a life of constant bills and misery?

— EVERYDAY STRUGGLE

DEAR EVERYDAY STRUGGLE: It has been some time since I have seen a letter filled with as much negativity and depression as the one you have written. One of the benefits of being in school is you have access to the student health center. I urge you to go there and talk to a counselor who can help you cope with your fears before they become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

DEAR ABBY: I recently moved into a two-bedroom, two-bath apartment with my good friend from college. My room appears to be slightly larger. I also have a slightly bigger bathroom attached to my room. Her bathroom is smaller and down the hall. Amid the stress of moving, I impulsively agreed to pay \$100 more for my room. I know I should have measured the footage to calculate what would be fair. We are two months into living together and, overall, things are going well.

It has finally hit me that I'm paying \$200 more in rent. (She pays \$760, and I pay \$960.) It just seems like a huge difference

when I don't feel like our situations are that different. She also makes a little more money than I do, if you consider that relevant.

Would it be rude to ask her to reconsider the difference in how much we pay? This time around, I'd definitely want to take measurements so there's no guesswork. However, I value our relationship as friends and roommates, so I'm hesitant to go back on our original agreement.

— SECOND THOUGHTS
IN FLORIDA

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: You should not be paying \$200 extra. Revisit the conversation you had while the two of you were moving in and recalculate those figures. Your roommate should be paying \$810 and you should be paying \$910, which adds up to the \$1,720 you owe the landlord.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I were happily married for 45 years. We both come from large, close families, and we were devoted to each other. We virtually never fought. She died suddenly four months ago. There was no warning. I was devastated, but my family and my faith buoyed me up through the darkest times.

I still have great sadness over her death, but I'm starting to do better. More than anything, I am lonely. After being so close to my wife for so many years, it's hard being suddenly single. I have met several single women who seem very nice, who share my religion and have shown some interest in me.

I really don't have a desire right now to start dating, but I have realized that I do not want to spend the rest of my life alone and unmarried. How long after a spouse's death is it appropriate and advisable to wait before starting to date?

— WIDOWER IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR WIDOWER: It used to be expected that widows and widowers would wait one year, out of respect for their late spouses, to begin dating.

When you feel ready to date, you will know it. That said, make no important decisions or commitments for one year after the funeral — and that includes remarrying to avoid being lonely. Like many widowers in your age bracket, you may find that you are now a “hot commodity.”

WINTER WEATHER



Rion Sanders/The Great FallsTribune

Ne’vaeh Allison clears snow from the Centerville High School football field before the school’s game against Belt High in Centerville, Montana, on Saturday. Strong winds and heavy snow caused power outages and temporary road closures in northwestern Montana as a wintry storm threatened to drop several feet of snow in some areas of the northern Rocky Mountains.

Snowstorm dumps record amounts in Rocky Mountains

The Associated Press

GREAT FALLS, Montana — Areas of the northern Rocky Mountains looked more like mid-winter rather than early fall on Sunday as a snowstorm dumped record amounts of wind-driven snow that caused hazardous travel conditions and scattered power outages.

Winter storm warnings were posted for parts of western Montana, northern Idaho and northeast Washington. Snow also was forecast for areas in Wyoming, Utah, Oregon, Nevada and California.

The brunt of the storm hit Montana where up to 2 feet of snow fell Saturday in the mountains and a record 14 inches fell in Great Falls with snow still falling Sunday.

Montana Gov. Steve Bullock declared an emergency Sunday, allowing the state to mobilize resources to help affected areas.

“With an unprecedented winter storm throwing our state a surprise in September, state and local governments are working closely together to protect the health and safety of Montanans and our top priority is making sure that happens,” Bullock said in a statement. “Montanans should heed all warnings from state and local officials, travel safely, and be cautious during this time.”

Major interstates and highways remained open, but snow and ice covered many stretches of roadway in western Montana.

The storm was expected to wind down late Sunday and early Monday.

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	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Mostly cloudy; cold	Mostly sunny; cool	Partly sunny	Partly sunny; cool	Times of clouds and sun
Baker City	24	54 23	63 32	62 30	61 29
Comfort Index™	2	2	9	8	8
La Grande	29	53 26	61 35	59 34	60 37
Comfort Index™	2	1	5	5	5
Enterprise	27	49 23	58 35	57 33	57 34
Comfort Index™	2	2	9	5	7

Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
TEMPERATURES			
High Saturday	51°	48°	49°
Low Saturday	34°	35°	39°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Saturday	0.00	0.04	0.00
Month to date	0.74	1.21	1.62
Normal month to date	0.52	0.62	0.76
Year to date	7.03	12.50	22.43
Normal year to date	7.59	11.49	15.79

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	40%
Afternoon wind	N at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	3.4
Evapotranspiration	0.09

RESERVOIR STORAGE	(through midnight Sunday)
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	26% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	64% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	40% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	24% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	7% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS	(through midnight Saturday)
Grande Ronde at Troy	788 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	19 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	52 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	49 cfs
Minam River at Minam	80 cfs
Powder River near Richland	50 cfs

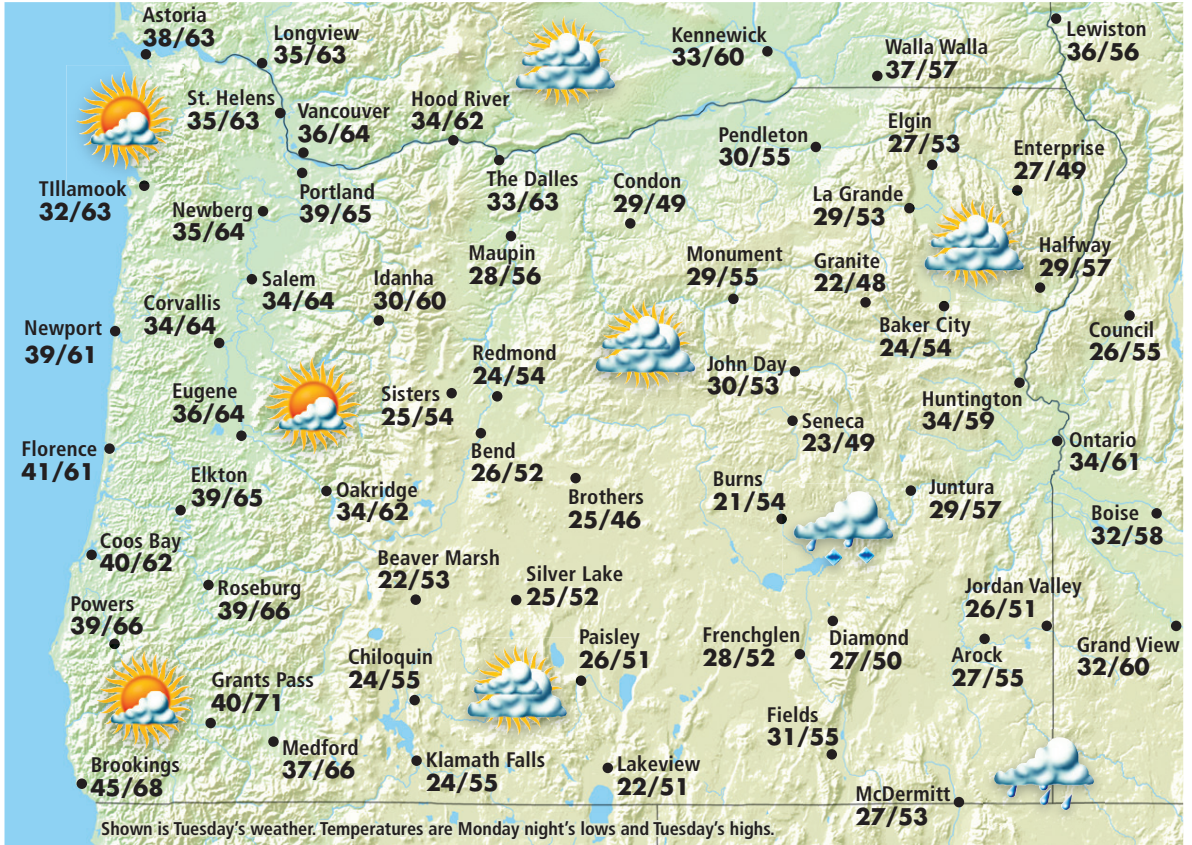
SATURDAY EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 101°	Zapata, Texas
Low: 20°	Mullan Pass, Idaho
Wettest: 4.31"	Harrisonville, Mo.
OREGON	
High: 62°	The Dalles
Low: 25°	Lakeview
Wettest: 0.24"	Hood River

WEATHER HISTORY	
A cold outbreak sent temperatures into the teens as far south as western Kansas on Sept. 30, 1985. On the same day, Grand Island, Neb., had 3.80 inches of snow.	

SUN & MOON		MON.	TUE.
Sunrise		6:49 a.m.	6:50 a.m.
Sunset		6:35 p.m.	6:33 p.m.
Moonrise		9:03 a.m.	10:19 a.m.
Moonset		8:07 p.m.	8:39 p.m.
MOON PHASES			
First	Full	Last	New
			
Oct 5	Oct 13	Oct 21	Oct 27

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	63/41/s	60/46/sh	Lewiston	56/33/s	62/42/s
Bend	52/27/s	62/33/pc	Longview	63/38/s	58/43/sh
Boise	58/33/pc	62/41/s	Meacham	50/23/s	59/32/pc
Brookings	68/46/s	65/50/pc	Medford	66/37/s	71/45/s
Burns	54/18/pc	61/30/pc	Newport	61/41/s	59/47/sh
Coos Bay	62/41/s	62/48/sh	Olympia	63/38/s	57/43/c
Corvallis	64/36/s	63/44/sh	Ontario	61/29/s	65/39/s
Council	55/27/s	58/32/s	Pasco	60/31/s	65/40/pc
Elgin	53/26/s	60/33/pc	Pendleton	55/30/s	63/40/pc
Eugene	64/38/s	65/46/pc	Portland	65/41/s	63/48/c
Hermiston	60/31/s	65/41/pc	Powers	66/40/s	68/48/pc
Hood River	62/36/s	64/43/pc	Redmond	54/23/s	65/33/pc
Imnaha	54/31/s	62/40/s	Roseburg	66/39/s	70/47/pc
John Day	53/28/pc	63/36/pc	Salem	64/35/s	62/45/pc
Joseph	49/24/s	56/34/s	Spokane	50/30/pc	54/38/s
Kennewick	60/33/s	65/41/pc	The Dalles	63/35/s	65/42/pc
Klamath Falls	55/23/s	63/31/pc	Ukiah	49/21/s	58/31/pc
Lakeview	51/22/s	60/27/s	Walla Walla	57/36/s	64/45/pc

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Very cold	30 17		PHILLIPS LAKE Partly sunny; cold	50 22	
MT. EMILY REC. Mostly sunny; cold	41 25		BROWNLEE RES. Mostly sunny; cool	57 29	
EAGLE CAP WILD. Partly sunny	38 18		EMIGRANT ST. PARK Mostly sunny; cold	45 19	
WALLOWA LAKE Mostly sunny; cold	49 24		MCKAY RESERVOIR Mostly sunny; cool	54 30	
THIEF VALLEY RES. Mostly sunny; cool	54 23		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Mostly sunny; cool	53 26	

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